Under the Law of Christ, Not under the Law of Moses

In the world, humanity lies in wickedness (1 John 5:19). There is none that doeth good. Because man has an inclination toward evil, the secular world has laws to make coexistence possible. These laws condemn and punish evil deeds, but they have no power to bring man to perfection.

The Scripture tells us the same about the law of Moses, which was “added” because of transgressions (Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions. Galatians 3:19).

However, in the heavenly Kingdom, things are not as they are in the world. Those who belong to the eternal Kingdom of God live in the light and are made perfect, even as He is (We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him. 1 John 3:2).

To reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, the law of the Kingdom—the law of Christ—was given to us. It addresses the inner man, aiming to transform the heart. This law is far superior to the law of Moses (Being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ. 1 Corinthians 9:21).

We emphasize that the law of the Kingdom, also called the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, must not be confused with the law of Moses (Romans 8:2). The law is holy and just (Romans 7:12), but it could not make man perfect (... for the law made nothing perfect. Hebrews 7:19. For the law having a shadow of good things to come... can never... make the comers thereunto perfect. Hebrews 10:1).

The law of the Kingdom—the law of Christ—is far superior to the moral law of Moses and has as its goal to make us like Him, to form in us His character (He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2).

Thus, the one who fulfills the law of Christ does not abolish the law of Moses, but rather confirms it (Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. Romans 3:31. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk... after the Spirit. Romans 8:4).

Upon closer examination, it becomes clear that the laws of God express His way of thinking—His very nature (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1; The gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4).

It is essential to understand that all the commandments by which we are called to live are a faithful reflection of His character. His commandments show us how He lived; they reveal His ways. All—absolutely all—of His commandments represent Him.

Each teaching (commandment) in the Gospel contains within it a trait of the Lord Jesus. Hidden within it is the perfect beauty of His character.

Just as the human embryo contains all the traits of the one who is to be born, so the traits of the Lord Jesus are hidden in the seed of God (The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11). Therefore, we cannot neglect any commandment, for the traits of the Lord are found in His commandments.

Thus, we may rightly say that the Lord places His laws in our hearts in order to rewrite—to imprint—His image in us (I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them Hebrews 10:16. We... have the mind of Christ 1 Corinthians 2:16).

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